

Walnut Creek Community Task Force on Homelessness

Draft Goals & Priorities for 2023

What We Do

- Research best practices
- Advise, educate, and communicate City leadership and community at large
- Channel resources (refer, connect, finance)

Vision and Mission Statements:

Posted on the website

Short Term Goal Categories

| Goal Category | Activities | Priority | Team Members |
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| Administration | Establish WCHTF as a 501©(3) to enable public donations/financing for long term goals/projects Develop Call to action for financial support Examples: Safe Parking; trash disposal; homeless engagement activities | | Donna Colombo Marco Newsom |
| Communication: +Quarterly Forum & Education | Engage with homeless in community to assist goals - <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Facilitate Public Forum/Education <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Various times – April and November ○ Add a regional educational forum ☐ expansion of local forum ● Present to the WC Downtown business group, to educate businesses and answer questions they may have regarding issues with homeless; develop an FAQ ● Education on resource referrals (CORE, 211, etc.) ● Annual survey | | Lisa Andrews Gina Gotsill (website) |
| Safety Net Services | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Weekend, evening services ● Homeless Engagement ● Evening & Weekend Support ● Warming Center ● Mobile Showers | | Marco Newsom |
| Shelter & Housing | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Support Affordable Housing <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Tiny homes – Hope Village at Grace Presb ○ Participate in Housing Element update | | Donna Nancy Williams Bob Sterns |

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| | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Support streamlining process and costs for ADU's and 2) requirements for tiny home projects on church property. ○ Support development of permanent supportive housing | | Cheryl O'Connor Iman Novin Mary Fuji Kerry Inserra |
| Partnerships | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Develop, strengthen nonprofit homeless service partnerships (other than TC) ● Work with City staff on a CRV redemption (self-serve machines) program ● White Pony Express outreach to businesses ● Work with Republic Services to provide locked dumpsters (at a cost, with shared keys) to property owners/managers ● Address/prevent encampment hoarding-related clean up needs and Flood Control channel safety (how to educate campers?). Is there a need for RV waste-disposal stations? ● Support provision of Dumpsters with sharps disposal – mitigate issues | | TBD Lucille Paquette |
| Advisory Committee | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Communicate/Advocate priorities to City leadership | | |

Long Term Goals:

| Goal Category | Activities | Priority | Team Members |
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| Research & Evaluation | Evaluate goals periodically against achievements and provide data reporting | | |
| Regional Task Force | Establish regional task force Engage other cities – possibly beginning with PH | | |